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Amendments to the Drawings

The replacement sheets of drawings attached hereto as **Exhibit A** include changes to, and replace, Figures 16-1, 16-3 and 17 of the original sheets of drawings. Labels A and B in Figures 16-1, 16-3 and 17 have been repositioned.

Attachment: replacement sheets of drawings for Figures 16-1, 16-3 and 17

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REMARKS

The application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated August 31, 2006. Claims 166-191 were pending, with claims 1-165 having previously been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer. By this Amendment, claims 175-179 and 185-186 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 171-173 have been amended to correct informalities therein, and claims 187 and 188 have been amended to depend from claim 166, and claim 187 has been amended to clarify the claimed subject matter. Accordingly, claims 166-174, 180-184 and 187-191 are now pending, with claims 166, 183, 184 and 190 being in independent form.

Claim 171 was objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.75 (c) as purportedly in improper form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Claims 172-173 and 185 were objected to as purportedly having informalities.

By this Amendment, 185 has been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 171-173 have been amended to correct informalities therein. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objections to claims 171-173 and 185 is respectfully requested.

Claims 175-179 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as purportedly unpatentable over JP 60-82651 in view of Oishi (JP 08-292636). Claim 186 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as purportedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,595,223 to Hayao and in view of Oishi.

The Office Action also indicated that claims 166-170, 174, 180-184 and 189-191 have been allowed.

By this Amendment, claims 175-179 and 186 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

In view of the amendments to the claims and remarks hereinabove, Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant earnestly solicits the

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allowance of the application.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition. The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees that are required in connection with this amendment, and to credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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EXHIBIT A

TO
AMENDMENT
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